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# Rehab Group To Meet at WWRC

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The elimination of barriers to the handicapped is the theme of a conference to be held at the Woodrow Wilson Education Center on Wednesday.

The Virginia Rehabilitation Association, now with membership numbering over 600, has obtained speakers of national prominence for its annual conference.

Air transportation for the handicapped will be the subject of talks by Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, executive director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C., and Donald Britt, assistant to the president, Piedmont Airlines, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, who is in a wheel chair himself following a bout with polio, has made numerous trips by air with use of a special stretcher-chair which he will demonstrate. Mr. Kirk-

patrick's position has been described as "chief of staff to Mr. McCone".

Mr. Britt came with Piedmont Airlines about five years ago from a public relations position with Salem College. He is a member of the public affairs committee of Air Transport Association of America and the legislative committee of Association of Local Transport Airlines.

## Chair Demonstration

The manufacturer of a step-climbing chair will provide a demonstration of his product. The elimination of barriers in architecture, especially in public buildings, will be presented by William F. Vosbeck, an Alexandria architect with the firm, Vosbeck-Ward and Associates.

Mr. Vosbeck is a member of the American Institute of Architects and attended a meeting of the International Association for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled in Copenhagen earlier this year. He is the architect for the new building now under construction at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center.

He is also a member of the National Architectural Registration Boards, and the Church Architectural Guild. He was awarded the National Capitol Award for professional achievement in architecture in 1959. Moderator for the morning program is Miss Lillian Pennell, director of the Presbyterian Guidance Center at Mary Baldwin College.

The National Service Corps concept will be the subject of Richard Boone, consultant to President Kennedy on a National Service Program, in a speech at the luncheon session. Mr. Boone, formerly of the Ford

Foundation, was instrumental in developing the national service corps idea.

In the afternoon, E. B. Whitten, executive director of the National Rehabilitation Association, with which the Virginia Association is affiliated, will speak.

In a business session afterward, Thaddeus Gaber, president of the Virginia Association, will preside. An award, named in honor of R. N. Anderson, first state director of rehabilitation in Virginia, will be announced at that time. The award, only in its second year, is made to an outstanding Virginian in recognition of the highest achievement and greatest contribution to the rehabilitation of disabled Virginians. Mr. Anderson will present the award.